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THE SPADE-FOOT TOAD IN VIRGINIA.

On July 15, 1916, Dr. Henry Fox obtained a fine example of *Scaphiopus holbrookii* which he forwarded soon after. He wrote "the specimen as well as several other examples were exposed in plowing a stubble-field and attracted attention by the extraordinary loud and shrill cry they made when crushed by the plow." Mr. E. R. Dunn informs me this amphibian has not been definitely recorded from Virginia and the above examples all observed at Tappahannock, are therefore of interest. In this connection I may also mention that under date of June 7, 1916, Mr. H. Walker Hand writes from Cape May, N. J.: "On May 28 Dr. J. S. Eldridge and myself were walking along a wood-road and heard a peculiar cry coming from the ground. I had heard the same before, but could not find the source. This time I dug down and the sound continued even as I was digging. At a depth of about three inches a spade-foot was found snugly fixed. He never stopped calling until I lifted him out."

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